

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
DONIPHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, TROY, KANSAS, JANUARY 23, 2017

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 o'clock A.M. with First District County Commissioner Timothy D. Collins, Chairman, calling the meeting to order. Second District County Commissioner Thad G. Geiger, Third District County Commissioner Jerry P. McKernan and County Clerk Peggy Franken were present. County Attorney Charles D. Baskins was present for a portion of the meeting.

The Kansas Chief Reporter Paul Stewart, Joseph Studer and Susan Studer observed the entire meeting.

The meeting agenda was presented and approved as amended to include discussion on minimal maintenance road policy.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2017 meeting as written. Motion carried.

Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, to approve manual warrants as presented. Motion carried.

Currently there are 12 local inmates housed in the Doniphan County Law Enforcement Center.

The Board was in receipt of a thank you from the Highland Senior Citizens Center for the new metal roof placed on the center building. A verbal thank you was also relayed to the Board by Commissioner Geiger from the Wathena Keen-Age Senior Citizens Center thanking the Board for the new refrigerator.

Commissioner Geiger asked for future discussion between the County Commission, Aging Administrator and Economic Development Director on developing assisted living complexes in Doniphan County.

County Clerk Peggy Franken presented the Board with the December run statistics report for Doniphan County Ambulance District No. 1.

Commissioner McKernan made a motion to continue with the paper recycling bin located behind the Doniphan County Health Department and contract with WCA Kansas City Hauling at a cost of \$21.36 per month for hauling fees, to be paid from the Solid Waste fund. Commissioner Geiger seconded the motion and it carried.

The Board discussed concerns with countywide littering. Commissioner McKernan asked Economic Development Director Adrienne Korson to work with civic organizations on countywide trash clean-up days with the County to provide trash bags, gloves and disposal.

Economic Development Director Adrienne Korson updated the County Commission on the Total Solar Eclipse community meeting held January 18, 2017. In addition, Miss Korson stated the Doniphan Proud marketing campaign has begun.

At 8:46 A.M. Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to enter into executive session for a period of 15-minutes for the purpose of discussing confidential data relative to economic development. Motion carried. The County Clerk and Economic Development Director remained.

The meeting reconvened at 9:01 A.M. with no action taken.

Travis Gentry, representative with Foley Equipment, called on the Board.

At 9:11 A.M. Commissioner Collins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Geiger, to enter into executive session for a period of 10-minutes for the purpose of discussing and protecting the privacy of non-elect personnel. Motion carried. The County Attorney, County Clerk and Road Supervisor remained.

The meeting reconvened at 9:21 A.M. with no action taken.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKernan, to approve repair to the overhead in the 2002 Sterling rock truck #85 by Redneck Diesel in the amount of \$1,000.00. Motion carried.

Road Supervisor Bob Edie presented the Board with 5-year lease purchase options for the purchase of three dump trucks. No action was taken pending development of an amortization on current equipment repair costs, equipment maintenance and contracting out road projects with local contractors, as a comparison to purchasing or leasing new equipment.

Road Supervisor Bob Edie presented the Board with information on the purchase of a 2005 Komatsu PC220 LC-7L excavator with 5100 hours from Road Builders in the amount of \$89,500.00 less trade of the 1993 Komatsu 200 excavator in the amount of \$17,500.00 for a total purchase price of \$72,000.00. No action was taken.

The Board advised Road Supervisor Bob Edie to have employees of the Road Department keep current maintenance records on all equipment, with each District Foreman to oversee.

Commissioner Geiger asked for future discussion on developing a long range plan for county roads. And asked Road Supervisor Bob Edie to prepare a project list complete with man hours and project costs.

Commissioner Geiger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve the purchase of 20 sets of identification decals for road equipment from National Sign Company in the amount of \$175.00. Motion carried.

Commissioner McKernan requested Road Secretary Martha Wiedmer contact Ebert Construction to inquire about Doniphan County keeping the rip rap from the removal of bridge structure T 433-3 on 190th and Saratoga Roads.

Discussion was held on designation of minimal maintenance roads. The Board directed Road Supervisor Bob Edie to develop a list of all minimal maintenance and closed roads in Doniphan County. County Attorney Charles Baskins will then draft a resolution designating said roads minimal maintenance and the Engineers office will order minimal maintenance road signs to be posted.

Sheriff Chad Clary informed the County Board current K9, Cosmo, will be retired due to health concerns and the Department will look at purchasing another K9 at a cost of \$7500.00 with a non-profit agency to provide for \$4000.00 of the cost and the Forfeiture fund to pay the remaining \$3500.00 cost. The one year old K9 will have a one year medical guarantee and go through annual training for re-certification purposes. Deputy Neil Hontz will continue to be the K9 unit handler for the Doniphan County Sheriff's Department.

Observers Susan Studer and Joseph Studer questioned Sheriff Chad Clary on the accrual of overtime by Deputies within the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Clary stated overtime is not scheduled but acquired on an as needed basis based on 24/7 coverage 365 days per year. Mrs. Studer asked about hiring additional officers to cut down on the amount of overtime. Sheriff Clary said the Department spends less in overtime compensation than by hiring additional Deputies with fringe benefit costs. Commissioner Geiger said the Sheriff's Department is one county department that the amount of overtime acquired cannot be judged. He requested Sheriff Clary add a line item to his personnel services for the 2018 budget for estimated overtime expenses. Joseph Studer asked for some transparency and justification in the Sheriff's Office to explain the accrual of overtime by Deputies. Commissioner Collins said the accrual of overtime by the Sheriff's Department is self explanatory. If an officer is on the scene of an accident or traffic stop they cannot just leave because their shift ends.

There being no further business before the Board, Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn at 10:58 A.M. Commissioner Geiger seconded the motion and it carried.

DATED THIS 23RD DAY OF JANUARY 2017.

Attest: _____
Peggy Franken, County Clerk

Timothy D. Collins, Chairman